

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 PALERM 00150 081857Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CU-04 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-15
OPR-02 OMB-01 TRSE-00 /076 W
-----082030Z 075569 /44

R 081650Z MAR 77
FM AMCONSUL PALERMO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2011
INFO AMEMBASSY ROME

UNCLAS PALERMO 0150

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT IT
SUBJECT: POLICE CLASH WITH PALERMO STUDENTS

1. SUMMARY: TWO HOURS OF CLASHES BETWEEN STUDENTS AND POLICE/CARABINIERI, WARNING SHOTS AND WOUNDED WERE FEATURES OF PALERMO'S BAPTISM, ON MARCH 7, INTO URBAN GUERRILLA WARFARE. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING EVENING OF MARCH 7, POLICE SUPPORTED BY CARABINIERI CHARGED NEARLY A HUNDRED STUDENTS WHO TRIED TO FORCE ADMISSION-FREE ENTRY TO A DOWN TOWN THEATER TO WATCH PERFORMANCE BY "LEFTIST" SINGER EDOARDO BENNATO AND TO PROTEST BENNATO'S EARLIER REFUSAL TO PERFORM AT THE UNIVERSITY TO RAISE MONEY TO FINANCE STUDENT TRAVEL TO ROME TO TAKE PART IN THE NATIONAL STUDENT DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 12. ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL PRESS, A FURTHER REASON FOR THE STUDENTS' PROTEST WAS THE RECENT NINE-YEAR SENTENCE METED OUT TO FABRIZIO PANZIERI FOR THE MANTAKIS MURDER.

3. ENSUING FRACAS WENT BEYOND PREVIOUS STUDENT-POLICE CONFRONTATIONS, EVEN THOSE OF LATE '60'S. THE CLASH SPREAD FROM DOWNTOWN PALERMO TO THE NARROW ALLEYS OF THE OLD CITY WITH POLICE IN HOT PURSUIT, STUDENTS THROWING PAVEMENT STONES, WARNING SHOTS FROM THE CARABINIERI - ALL THE TRAPPINGS OF MORE FREQUENT EVENTS IN MILAN, ROME AND

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 PALERM 00150 081857Z

ELSEWHERE IN THE MAINLAND - THE WOUNDED (NONE REPORTED IN SERIOUS CONDITION) INCLUDED 10 POLICE/CARABINIERI# MORE THAN 20 STUDENTS WERE DETAINED BY POLICE. COLLINS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REPORTS, POLITICAL SITUATION, CIVIL DISORDERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 08-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977PALERM00150
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770080-0054
Format: TEL
From: PALERMO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770382/aaaacukd.tel
Line Count: 58
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 892dfebb-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3177382
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: POLICE CLASH WITH PALERMO STUDENTS
TAGS: PINT, IT
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/892dfebb-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009